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The Honorable André Bauer
President of the Senate
State House, 1st Floor, East Wing
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I am hereby returning without my approval S. 746, R-122, an Act:

TO ABOLISH THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION AND TO CREATE THE ORANGEBURG COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION AND REGISTRATION.

This veto is based on my belief that this bill is unconstitutional. S. 746, R-122 proposes to abolish the Orangeburg County Board of Voter Registration and create the Orangeburg County Board of Election and Registration. As such, S. 746, R-122 affects only Orangeburg County and is, therefore, clearly an act for a specific county. Such acts are in violation of Article VIII, Section 7, of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, which provides that "[n]o laws for a specific county shall be enacted." Acts similar to S. 746, R-122 have been struck down by the South Carolina Supreme Court as violative of Article VIII, Section 7.

For this reason, I am returning S. 746, R-122 to you without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Sanford